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**EIGHTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98**

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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Eighth Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), any necessary copies are enclosed. However, in accordance with the September 21, 2004 OG Notice and 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published application references are no longer required and, thus, are not enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Eighth Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be

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This Eighth Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the receipt of a first Office action reflecting an examination on the merits, but before the mailing date of an action closing prosecution in the application. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$180.00** identified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to **Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000290USPT**. Furthermore, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to the same deposit account number any fees due while this application is pending (except the issue fee), or credit any overpayments.

Respectfully submitted,

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